

RemarksSpecification

The disclosure was objected to because of the informalities in paragraph [0014]. In particular, the Examiner questioned whether "oxygen radicals" fell within the definition of F or Y.

It is the Applicant's intention to list oxygen radicals as a choice for the selection of Y. To more clearly represent this, Applicant has amended paragraphs [0006], [0014] and [0020] to place oxygen radicals as the first listed in the choices for the selection of Y. Further support to indicate Applicant's intention and definition of Y is provided in [0021] of the original specification, which shows the siloxane component can be comprised of Y_3SiO^- units, $Y_2SiO_{2/2}^-$ units, $YSiO_{3/2}^-$ units and $SiO_{4/2}$ units. Paragraph [0021] thus indicates the selection of oxygen radicals for Y must be one of the possible choices for Y in order to achieve the siloxy units listed in [0021].

Applicant has further corrected the numbering of the replacement paragraphs.

Double Patenting

Claim 23 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,653,378 in view of Hill et al U.S. Patent No. 5,665,804.

Applicant submits herein a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Both U.S. Patent Nos. 6,653,378 and 5,665,804 were commonly owned by the same assignee as the present application as evidenced by the following recorded assignments with the USPTO.

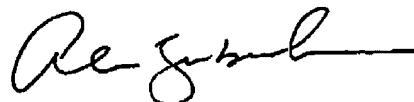
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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections is requested. Allowance of claims at an early date is solicited.

The present response is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant hereby authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account for any other fees necessary, to maintain the pendency of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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